

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained earlier today and missed several roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

1. H. Con. Res. 301—A resolution regarding U.S. Commitment to Taiwan—roll call #300—Yea.

2. H. Res. 392—A resolution relating to the importance of Japanese American Relations—roll call #299—Yea.

3. H. Con. Res. 208—A resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding access to affordable housing and expansion of home ownership opportunities—roll call #298—Yea.

4. H.R. 3874—"The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Amendments Act"—roll call #297—Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to events in the 15th Congressional District of Michigan, I was unavoidably detained for several House roll-call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H.R. 3874, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act; H. Con. Res. 208, Sense of the Congress Resolution Regarding Access to Affordable Housing; H. Res. 392, Relating to the Importance of Japanese American Relations; and H. Con. Res. 301, Regarding the Commitment of the United States to Taiwan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H. Con. Res. 301, regarding United States Commitment to Taiwan, I would have voted "aye."

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REPORT ON H.R. 4274, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-635) on the bill (H.R. 4274), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULSHOF). All points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1050

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1050, which was a bill originally introduced by Rep-

resentative Dellums of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

SUBMISSION BY SECRETARY OF ENERGY OF PLAN FOR DISPOSITION OF DEPLETED URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 2316) to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a plan to ensure that all amounts accrued on the books of the United States Enrichment Corporation for the disposition of depleted uranium hexafluoride will be used to treat and recycle depleted uranium hexafluoride, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, in order to allow the gentleman to explain his request, I yield to the gentleman for an explanation.

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Ohio's request for an explanation.

Mr. Speaker, this bill requires the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to ensure that monies already accrued by the United States Enrichment Corporation are utilized for their intended purpose, and that is the cleanup of depleted uranium hexafluoride waste. The corporation is nearing privatization. Without congressional action, there is no mechanism to ensure that monies will be available to deal with the cleanup of depleted uranium.

Since the bill was passed in the Senate, the Committee on Commerce has had discussions with the Department of Energy, the Department of Treasury, and the Office of Management and Budget to discuss this legislation. It is my understanding the administration has no objection to S. 2316, and I recommend its approval by the House to ensure that the money accrued by USEC will be spent for its intended purpose.

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) for a further explanation.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio for yielding.

I also would like to strongly support Senate bill 2316, which will ensure that the funds collected over the years by the U.S. Enrichment Corporation for the cleanup of spent uranium canisters in Paducah, Kentucky will be used for their intended purpose.

This bill will not only save American taxpayers millions of dollars in pos-

sible future cleanup, but more importantly, it protects hundreds of jobs in my State.

By passing this bill today, the House will set in motion a plan that will one day lead to the construction and operation of a new uranium cleanup facility in Paducah, Kentucky and Portsmouth, Ohio that will treat and recycle depleted uranium hexafluoride. This will clearly make our community safer from this environmental hazard.

I am glad to see that the House is taking quick action on this matter, because without our effort the nearly \$400 million in cleanup money that has been set aside by the USEC could be lost.

I would like to thank the majority leader; the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY); the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH); the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL); and all of those that had something to do with bringing this bill to the floor in this expedited manner.

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, although I do not intend to object, I would like to take an opportunity to thank my colleagues, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD), the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BAESLER) for working with me to make this unanimous consent possible.

What this will accomplish is very important. It means that money that was collected for the cleanup will be used for its intended purpose. Jobs will be created in the Piketon, Ohio and the Paducah, Kentucky communities, jobs that are desperately needed by those who may lose their jobs as a result of the privatization of this industry. These are men and women who have helped our country win the Cold War and we need to look out after their well-being.

This bill will also make it possible for our constituents in Piketon, Ohio, and Paducah, Kentucky to live in safer, healthier communities, and for that we should all be thankful.

Mr. BAESLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 2316, a bill critical to Kentucky families. While plans for privatization of the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) are underway on Wall Street, folks in Kentucky are worried about their future. If the USEC is privatized, hundreds of jobs could be lost between two facilities located in Portsmouth, Ohio and Paducah, Kentucky. Passage of this bill is essential to show these hard working families that privatization can also mean job creation.

Fees have been collected from utility customers of the United States Enrichment Corporation to pay for the cost of cleaning up depleted uranium hexafluoride "tails" or waste. If USEC is privatized, the money that has already been set aside would revert back to the U.S. Department of Treasury. It would be an injustice and simply unfair if the money is not used for its intended purpose of cleaning up the tails—55 percent of which are stored in Paducah. Under this legislation, the money from the fee collection would be used to construct an on-site facility for disposing of the

tails and, importantly, this site could re-employ those workers who would be displaced upon privatization. In addition, by creating the facility on site, the risks involved with the transportation of hazardous wastes are eliminated.

Uncertainty and fear have invaded these communities whose jobs and livelihoods are tied to the USEC. Families are worried about their future. Today, in Congress, we have the opportunity to provide some hope for these individuals. Passage of S. 2316 will fence off approximately \$400 million to be used to clean up the tails. Between construction, operation, and management of these facilities, hundreds of jobs can be created. This legislation is one small way we can help build a bridge to provide continued employment in the community. It is an opportunity to show these families we care about their future.

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 2316

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION.

(a) PLAN.—The Secretary of Energy shall prepare, and the President shall include in the budget request for fiscal year 2000, a plan and proposed legislation to ensure that all amounts accrued on the books of the United States Enrichment Corporation for the disposition of depleted uranium hexafluoride will be used to commence construction of, not later than January 31, 2004, and to operate, an onsite facility at each of the gaseous diffusion plants at Paducah, Kentucky, and Portsmouth, Ohio, to treat and recycle depleted uranium hexafluoride consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

(b) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding the privatization of the United States Enrichment Corporation and notwithstanding any other provision of law (including the repeal of chapters 22 through 26 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297 et seq.) made by section 3116(a)(1) of the United States Enrichment Corporation Privatization Act (104 Stat. 1321-349), no amounts described in subsection (a) shall be withdrawn from the United States Enrichment Corporation Fund established by section 1308 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297b-7) or the Working Capital Account established under section 1316 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297b-15) until the date that is 1 year after the date on which the President submits to Congress the budget request for fiscal year 2000.

(c) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should authorize appropriations during fiscal year 2000 in an amount sufficient to fully fund the plan described in subsection (a).

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their re-

marks and to insert extraneous material on S. 2316, the Senate bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

MODIFICATION TO ORDER OF THE HOUSE OF FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1998 REGARDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2183, BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN INTEGRITY ACT OF 1997

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to correct an amendment that was included in the unanimous consent for the campaign reform procedure on the Shays-Meehan bill. That request is that Amendment No. 2 by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) was duplicated and repeated as Amendment No. 34, when, in fact, the content of Amendment No. 34 is different than was accepted in the unanimous consent, and I would like to correct it with the amendment which is, in fact, the substance of Amendment No. 34.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the modification to the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Modification of Amendment No. 34 offered by Mr. SMITH of Michigan: Add at the end of title V the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 510. REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELEVISION STATIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS.

Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.), as amended by sections 101, 401, and 507, is further amended by adding at the end the following section:

“REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELEVISION STATIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS.

“SEC. 326. (a) IN GENERAL.—In such manner as the Commission shall prescribe by regulation, prior to the dissemination of any Federal political advertisement, each operator of a radio broadcasting station, television broadcasting station, or cable system shall report to the Commission the true identity of each advertiser and the cost, duration, and other appropriate information with respect to the advertisement.

“(b) FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT DEFINED.—In this section, a ‘Federal political advertisement’ includes any advertisement advocating the passage or defeat of Federal legislation, any advertisement advocating the election or defeat of a candidate for Federal office, and any advertisement characterizing the positions taken by such a candidate.”.

Mr. THOMAS (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I once again thank the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) for his efforts to try to expedite the process to enable the majority

leader's word to be honored and that we complete campaign finance reform, and to acknowledge that the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) had requested three amendments, and one of them was, in fact, duplicated and therefore we needed to make that correction, so I thank the gentleman.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHAYS. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to say that from an administrative point of view we are double-checking another amendment and there may be a need to offer another unanimous consent. This particular amendment is in the first batch. We hope that we will have an accurate list, and everyone will be informed, if, in fact, it is not accurate, and we will supply the correct text. Since all of them believe they were included, it was simply an administrative error in the compilation of the list, and I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment will be reported, as modified.

REPORT ON H.R. 4276, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. DELAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-636) on the bill (H.R. 4276) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN INTEGRITY ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULSHOF). Pursuant to House Resolution 442 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2183.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2183) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes, with Mr. MILLER of Florida (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.